My Bronco Survival Gun:

This is my Bronco 410 shotgun, with a few modifications to make it a better survival gun.

Garcia made these guns in 22 and 410, and both versions can occasionally be found for sale used.

I attached a small knife to the skeleton stock (using cable ties), because I always like to have one handy.

It is the small skinning knife that is part of the Camillus duel li hatchet set, and it fits that space nicely.

Having a skinning knife on board makes it easy to process any game harvested with the gun.

On the other side I added a pouch (originally intended to hold six USB flash drives), for a bit of storage.

The gun is lightweight and has a bit of a kick, so I wanted to add some padding to the hard metal stock.

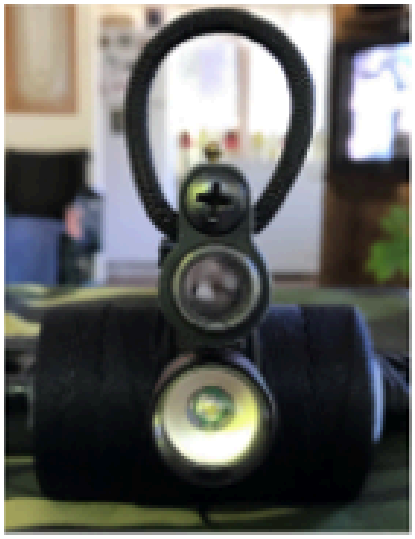
Using foam packing material and cable ties, I shaped a pad, using an old sheath as an improvised cover.

I used cable ties, but you could attach these items with cordage (or sew them on), if you prefer.

I added a fire-starting flint to give me even more options, such as staying warm, and cooking game.

The fire-starter fits between the knife sheath and the storage pouch.

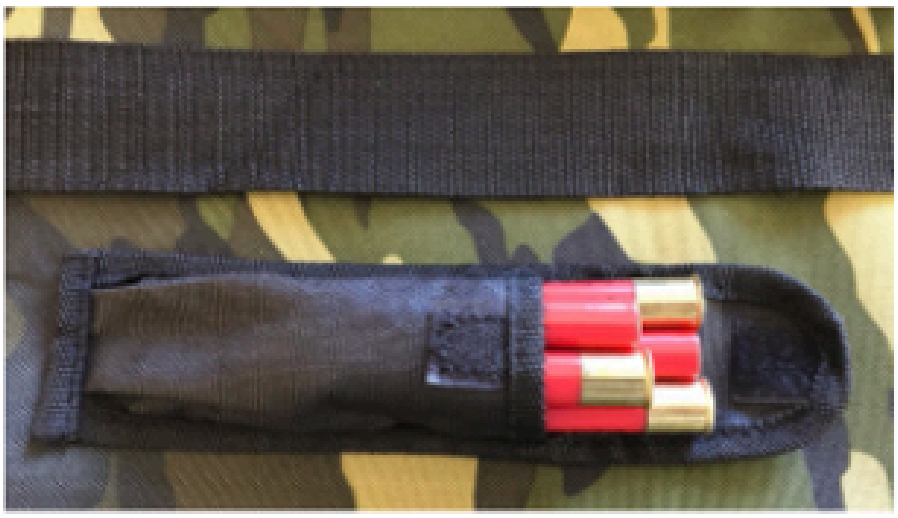
I wanted to add a LED flashlight, so I whittled a mount from wood, and colored it with a sharpie.



View of front end. The loop of paracord is my improvised sling attachment point.

Another simple paracord loop holds the other end of the sling, and I also added a bit more paracord between the storage pouch and the handle (an extra 25 feet or so), just because I like to have it on-hand.

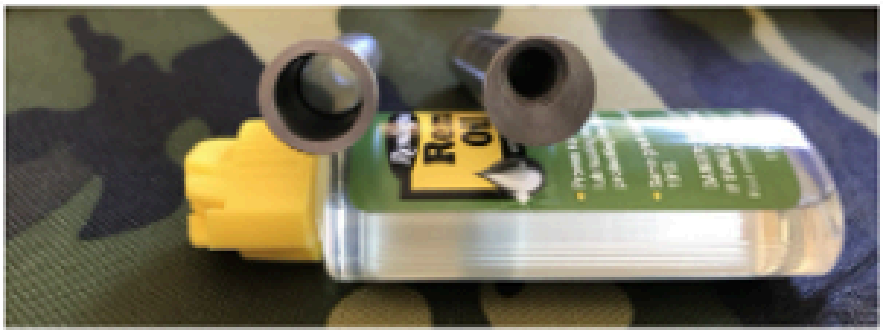
I wanted to add one or more small pouches to the sling, to increase storage space.



Decided on this type, which will hold five rounds, or other small useful items.

Useful items to keep with the gun include gun oil (or grease), ear plugs, cartridge adapters,

a cleaning brush, a diamond knife sharpener, and a surplus gun cleaning kit in a small tin can.



The two cartridge adapters I picked are for 9 mm rounds, and .22 rounds.

I use the USB pouch to hold the cartridge adapters, ear plugs, cleaning brush, and knife sharpener.

It also holds two plastic test tubes (with red caps), containing a tiny fishing kit, and some medicine.

The Bronco is a swivel-action gun, it swings open to load and unload the chamber.

So now I have a lightweight 410 shotgun that can also shoot 9 mm, 22, and 22 ratshot cartridges, as well as 410 rounds (from birdshot to 00 buckshot, to 410 deer slugs). It easily breaks down into two sections, sol can conceal it in a pack or bag, and it always has the knife and firestarter and flashlight on-board. The cartridge adapters are not rifled, so accuracy is limited to that of a shotgun, but they also do not leave any rifling marks on expended bullets, which is one way to avoid leaving a ballistics trail, in dead zombies.

Overall, this little gun is a joy to carry, and a pleasure to hunt with, so I am glad it is part of my collection.